

**House Resolution**

**No. 16**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Campos**

May 14, 2013

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House Resolution No. 16—Relative to Lupus Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Systematic lupus erythematosus, commonly known  
2 as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening  
3 autoimmune disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that five million people have  
5 been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases throughout the world,  
6 and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year; and

7 WHEREAS, More people have lupus than AIDS, cerebral palsy,  
8 sickle cell anemia, multiple sclerosis, and cystic fibrosis combined;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Lupus strikes women primarily when they are 15  
11 to 44 years of age, and it affects all aspects of their lives; and

12 WHEREAS, Lupus disproportionately affects people of color;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient;  
15 it affects the patient’s family, friends, coworkers, employers, and  
16 community; and

17 WHEREAS, The Lupus Foundation of Northern California in  
18 San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San  
19 Diego, and Lupus LA in Los Angeles were founded as 501(c)(3)  
20 nonprofit organizations to alleviate suffering for lupus patients  
21 through patient and family services, achieve early detection of  
22 undiagnosed cases through awareness promotion, and achieve the  
23 eradication of lupus by supporting lupus research; and

1 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments are critical  
2 to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus  
3 sufferers; and

4 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, education, and research  
5 are key to winning the battle against lupus; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
7 Assembly proclaims May 2013 as Lupus Awareness Month and  
8 extends heartfelt wishes to the Lupus Foundation of Northern  
9 California in San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern  
10 California in San Diego, and Lupus LA in Los Angeles for success  
11 in their core objectives in the future; and be it further

12 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
13 of this resolution to the Lupus Foundation of Northern California  
14 in San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San  
15 Diego, Lupus LA in Los Angeles, and to the author for appropriate  
16 distribution.